

"TOMBOY GIRL" CAUSES WONDER IN POLICE COURT

Swaggers Out When Discharged for Knocking Out a Rude Man.

Well, Hardiman, Brooklyn's tomboy girl, is in trouble and to-day she was brought before Magistrate Tighe in the Eastern Police Court for knocking out a rude man who angered her. Instead of using the gentle feminine method of persuasion, she turned upon the luckless man and in about two minutes he was laid out in a manner that suggested an encounter with Jeffries or Armstrong.

When Brooklyn's tomboy appeared before Magistrate Tighe this morning there was a murmur of astonishment, as a well-built girl with a swagger that would put the toughest boy to shame looked before the bar.

Magistrate Tighe looked at the short, brown hair, the boy's cap rakishly tilted over one ear, the shirt waist with black tie, and he asked:

"I have all kinds of trouble," said Brooklyn's tomboy to an Evening World reporter. "Just because I don't care for the girly-girl way of living, I don't see why I wasn't a boy, anyway. It always has made me tired."

"Why, I can't say any boy in the neighborhood," she asserted, with a proud display of muscles, "and, say, you just ought to see me box and do a wrestling turn."

"Ever since I was a kid I wanted to be a girl, so the next best thing to do was to be as near like a boy as I could, like to wear boys' clothes and I like to play boys' games. Now, you can bet your sweet life I won't take any 'sass' from anybody either."

Neil Hardiman is the talk of Butler street, where every other on the beat knows her.

"She's a funny character," said an attaché of the Butler street station. "I've known her for ten years and it's always been the same old story of rebelling against being a girl. She goes with the tough boys of the neighborhood and soaks at girls."

The girl is not knocking, but her face shows the outdoor life and disregard for personal care.

Among her special rights is the baseball team, the Brooklyn All-Stars, of which she is catcher. The whole team is composed of girls.

When the girl was dismissed from court she swaggered down the street with a tough talk that was the wonder of all beholders.

Had John Montones, of No. 153 Berry street, Williamsburg, heeded the barking of his honest watchdog early to-day he would be in one beef steak, half a dozen eggs, four ears of green corn, half a pie and a pound of butter. This was the extent to which burglars ravaged the Montones' kitchen, while the honest watchdog aforesaid was dragging Mr. Montones out of bed.

The dog is a Newfoundland and has quarters in the basement of the house. He is the possessor of a deep bass voice, but is meagrely equipped with teeth. When the burglars entered the house to-day by forcing the front door, the dog, unable to bite, did the best he could and barked.

"Shut up down there," yelled Mr. Montones.

Obviously the dog ceased his clamor for a time and Mr. Montones went to sleep. Later he was awakened by the dog barking at the sleeve of his nightgown and trying to pull him out of bed. Following the faithful animal to the basement, he discovered that his icebox had been despoiled. There is no clue to the thieves, although the pie was home made.

DELAY IN NEW FERRY OPENING

Hitch in Acquiring Land Title and Necessary Dredging Puts Back the Staten Island Municipal Venture.

The opening of the Staten Island Municipal ferry which had been scheduled to take place early in September, has been delayed until October.

While the boats are ready and the employees appointed, the ferry cannot be operated until expected, owing to a hitch in acquiring the legal title to necessary land on Staten Island. Necessary dredging also contributes to the postponement.

It was stated to-day at the office of the President of the Richmond Borough that the difficulties in the way of opening the ferry are being smoothed and it was hoped that everything would be ready by October.

FATAL FALL FROM "L"

Heavy Truck Drops to Street, Fracturing Skull.

Henry York, aged forty-five, of No. 104 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, an employee of the Brooklyn Rubber Company, slipped and fell from the elevated structure at No. 308 Fulton street this morning.

He dropped to the street and fractured his skull. On removal to the hospital, it was found that he had a fractured skull.

SISTER TAKEN FROM OPIUM DEN WITH GUN

Young Man Invades Chinatown in Search of His Missing Relative.

With a revolver in one hand and supporting a young woman who leaned heavily on him with the other, a well-dressed young man led his sister from a dive in Chinatown early to-day and placed her in a hansom cab.

Enraged at the idea of the victim being taken from him, a repulsive-looking Chinaman rushed from the house, which was one of the rookeries three doors from the Chatham Club, and with drawn revolver went to the head of the cab horse and aimed the reins at the bit.

The young man jumped from the cab and ran to the head of the horse saying: "Let go that horse or I'll kill you!"

Policeman Was On Hand.

At the first sign of trouble a policeman who had been standing in the shadow of the Chinese theatre across the way made a couple of jumps across the alley that is called Doyers street and was in the threatened mix-up.

To his demand to know what the trouble was and his threat to take a hand in any shooting, the young man said the young woman was his sister and he had found her in Chinatown. She was ready to go home with him, he said, and anxious to leave the life in which he had found her.

The young man had scarcely told his story when the Chinaman let go the reins of the horse and was in the horse's head, snatched back and was in the doorway. He dashed through the house where Chinese come and go like rats in an old cellar and disappeared.

Without further questioning the young man and the woman drove away, and the policeman, satisfied that he had prevented another shooting, bustled himself driving away the crowd that had come from dark holes and darker doorways.

The police who learned afterward that the young woman had been in the place for some while and was a victim of the opium habit.

The brother is described as being an athletic, determined-looking fellow, well dressed and with plenty of money. He drove up to the house, looked it over and, deciding it was the place he wanted, he took a room.

There was loud talk for a minute, and the next instant he came forth with the young woman, closely followed by the Chinaman.

The brother's failure to ask for police assistance was taken to indicate a desire to avoid any publicity in taking his sister from the place.

Some, who say the girl, say that she was not an inmate of Chinatown, but was a new comer. They think she may have been kept a prisoner in the place.

NEGRO SLASHES WOMAN AND MAN

One Victim of Drink-Frenzied Giant Will Die and the Other Is Threatened with Lookjaw—Rusty Knife Used.

Thomas Pitts, a negro of Brooklyn, was arraigned in the Long Island City Police Court to-day charged with a murderous assault on a man and a woman. He had slashed them with a rusty knife last night while in a drunken frenzy. One of his victims, Margaret DeLena, thirty-two years old, of the Shore Road, Amersham, is fatally injured, according to the surgeons of St. John's Hospital, and the woman, Gertrude Roth, twenty-three years old, who was stabbed in the leg, is threatened with lookjaw.

Pitts, who is thirty-seven years old and lives at No. 6 Foster place, the Bronx, was employed as a laborer at Casino Beach, where the Astor, Lenox and Tuxedo Companies are excavating for new buildings. Hundreds of Hungarians, Poles and negroes are employed at the place. Pitts had been drinking all day, and when he entered a shack where the laborers are fed at 7:30 o'clock last night he was in an ugly mood.

After quarreling with several of his fellow-workmen he left the place, declaring that he would come back and murder them all. Fifty minutes later he dashed into the shack brandishing a knife with long, saw-like blade cased with rust. The laborers in the place were seated at a long table, which they were eating in a noisy manner.

Only one of the number managed to escape. The huge negro struck the chair aside and knocked the Hungarian, Thomas, to the floor. He slashed him about the face and neck with the knife until the young woman attacked him from behind. He turned on her and slashed her dress to ribbons, inflicting a deep laceration in her leg. He would have killed her had not several men rushed into the place, armed with crow-bars. The negro fled before them and disappeared in a neighboring field.

GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS IN SESSION.

Report of Secretary Shows Membership of 109,329 in New York State.

Over 1,000 representatives from all parts of the State of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of New York, met in annual convention to-day at Tarrytown. The session was devoted to business of routine character. Arthur S. T. Sparks, of New York, was elected president.

The report by Grand Secretary Harry Walker, of Brooklyn, showed that up to June 30 the total membership in the State of 109,329.

MAJORS HOLD GAMES.

The Society Protection Majorial, Joseph Apolloni, President, held his first annual outing at Bohem's Southside Hotel, New York, yesterday. Eight hundred men were in line when they started from the society's headquarters at No. 6 Franklin street. The day was spent in games, after which dinner was spread for the members. On the return home the plenipotentiaries of the district were met and a burning powder along the

EHRLICH BROS.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED. SIXTH AVENUE AND 23D STREET, NEW YORK.

Clean-up and Sweep-out of Summer Goods

Which is now in full swing here, affords you everything of a Summer character at prices absolutely shorn of all profit—and in many cases the cuts are so severe that original cost has been ignored. It's a great time to buy.

The Sensational Skirt Selling

which began here on Monday, and which created an excitement such as was never known before, will be continued until every Skirt in this collection is gone. The prices are unprecedented for Skirts of such quality—but we suggest promptness on your part, as they cannot hold out long.

\$1.55 for \$3.75 Skirts, as Illustrated in Upper Cut.

Made of extra quality, smooth finish, all-wool Homespun, in the shades of medium gray, Oxford gray, blue, black and brown. All wonderfully slightly skirts, and you would never believe such to be possible at the price. In fact, they are as well made as any in the stock, no matter what their price.

Waistbands, 22 to 30. Lengths, 37 to 42.

Not more than two of the above to any one customer.



\$2.10 for \$5 to \$7 Skirts, as Illustrated in Lower Cut.

Made of high-grade Sicilians, Mohairs and Panama Cloths, in black, navy or royal blue, made as only your own tailor would make them. Every seam reinforced on the inside, to insure perfect fit and hang. The illustration shows the style.

Waistbands, 22 to 30. Lengths, 37 to 42.

No mail orders or C. O. D.'s.

Those \$12.50 New Fall Coats for 6.95



As Illustrated, have "caught on." Their style and desirability have already won for them a great reputation, which of course must be considered as an exclusive Ehrlich triumph.

Sale Continues.

The illustration accurately depicts the style of the splendid Coats we offer Wednesday at \$6.95. The material is excellent Mohican covert cloth; length 38 inches; long, loose double-breasted front and box-plaited belted back; body and sleeves are lined.

Never such a value in women's Fall Coats, for \$12.50 would be nearer their price in a regular way. The coat weather is here—the chance to fit yourself out is here. Sizes 34 to 40.

Genuine Cork Linoleum, 32c



35 rolls of genuine Cork Linoleum; beautiful inlaid designs; extra heavy; sold regularly at 65c. yard; clean-up price 32c.

Alex. Smith's Sons 93c

Alexminster Carpet, 32c

240 rolls of Alex. Smith's best quality Alexminster Carpet—all colors and new designs—with or without borders to match (sold regularly at \$1.50 yard). Clean-up price, 93c.

Fine All-Wool Brussels Rugs 9.49

Best quality all-wool Brussels Rugs—new designs and bright colors—extra heavy and worth \$17.00—size 12x9 feet. Clean-up price, \$9.49.

Inlaid Linoleum 57c

W. & J. Sloane's Inlaid Linoleum; granite effects; extra heavy and 2 yards wide; sold regularly at \$1.25 a yard; an extra special at 57c a yard.

Clearing \$2 and \$3 Oxfords at 98c

This sensational offer includes all our regular lines; but sizes are broken, of course. Still there are all sizes in the collection, and at the price you cannot afford to miss the chance. Many women are buying from 2 to 6 pairs.

Oxfords of Patent Colt, Oxfords of Patent Vici, Oxfords of Vici Kid, Oxfords of Dongola Kid, Oxfords of White Canvas, Oxfords till you can't rest.

9 different toe shapes. Heel styles include high, low, Cuban and Louis XIV.

59c Tweed Suiting

This splendid offering illustrates in a forcible way the tremendous Dress Goods opportunities in this sale.

These Tweeds come in neat mixtures and are a wonderful value at 59c a yard.

50-Inch Black Sicilian Mohairs, Crepe de Lyon, Cheviots and Homespuns, Granite Cloths and Mixed Venetians.

All 38 to 54 inches wide and all 59c values at regular sale—in this clean-up at 59c a yard.

Soiled and Mussed Blankets & Spreads

About 100 pairs Wool Bed Blankets with silk bindings and red, blue and pink borders, are being closed out.

At \$2.25 to \$3.50 a Pair. Former prices nearly double.

100 Bed Spreads (slightly soiled), made to sell for \$1.50 each. Clean-Up Price... 89c.

80 Full Size Bed Comfortables covered with figured silkolins and filled with good white cotton; regular price \$1.25 each. Clean-Up Price... 89c.

Special Sale Wednesday

Men's \$10 Fall Overcoats, \$5.

Men's \$10 Fall and Winter Suits, \$3.75.

Men's \$5 Outing Trousers, \$1.

ROTHENBERG CO.

NEW YORK'S FASTEST GROWING STORE AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR MONEY PROMPTLY REFUNDED. WEST 14TH ST.

An Array of Matchless Values.

Shirt-Waist Suits at Half and Less.

Fine SHIRT-WAIST SUITS, in fine sheer white lawn, waist and skirt elaborately trimmed with wide eyelet embroidery, also Val lace and embroidery. Every waist is full pleated and perfect fitting; skirts are either newest pleated or flounce style. Every Suit is new and fresh and just manufactured; intended to sell at double and more. All sizes... **1.98**

98c. Waists at 59c. Very fine White Lawn Waists—front of wide English eyelet embroidery and pleats; pleated back, deep cuff; cut full, with broad shoulder effect. All sizes; clean and fresh; value 98c... **59c**

Summer Skirts, \$1.98. New Skirts at half, made from fine wool black chevrons, in high knit, pleated style; beautifully tailored; lengths 39 to 43; banded 25 to 36; value \$4.00, at... **1.98**

Boys' Suits. Strictly All Wool. Two-Piece Suits, ages 6 to 16 years; Norfolk Suits, 3 to 15, made of strictly all wool, in the latest mixtures of chevrons, sewed with silk and have cloth back collars. In ages 3 to 8, suits made of blue serge and fancy chevrons, trimmed with silk soutache; value **1.98** at \$4.00, at... **79c**

Boys' Knicker Pants at Half. In ages 6 to 16. These Pants are made from the latest designs in fancy worsteds through and through are good quality full style Knickerbockers, and are worth double the price. Limit of 4 per pair... **79c**

\$3 Lace Curtains at \$1.44. The lot consists of about 90 patterns in the most tasteful Renaissance, Irish Point, Austrian, Antique, Cluny and Brussels patterns; all are 3 1/2 yards long and from 34 to 60 inches wide. All are made with strong ordered corded edges; regular prices range from \$2.00, \$2.35, \$2.75 up to \$5.00 per pair; entire lot on sale at... **1.44**

Big Basement Bargains. Clothes Baskets, large size, closely woven willow, strong handles **23c**

Galvanized Wash Tubs, corrugated sides, strong drop handles, made of heavy iron; regular price 69c; special to-morrow only... **29c**

Hardwood Step Ladder Chairs, very strong and well made; for pantry or library use special at... **84c**

WOMAN IS HELD AS A FIREBUG

Mrs. Murphy Denies She Set Fire to Flat and Says Marshal Tried to Make Her Incriminate Herself.

Mrs. Johana Murphy, of No. 133 East Ninety-seventh street, who has been under arrest since Saturday on the charge of setting fire to her flat, was held in \$2,000 bail for trial by Magistrate Baker in Harlem Police Court to-day.

Detective Thompson, of East One Hundred and Fourth street, and Deputy Fire Marshal Da Maltina, produced witnesses who testified that Mrs. Murphy bought kerosene at a nearby grocery about an hour before the fire, and that she left the flat shortly before the flames broke out.

Mrs. Murphy denied the charge and said that the fire marshal tried to make her incriminate herself by saying she set fire to the flat to revenge herself upon her husband for a beating he gave her. She had a blackened eye and a bruised face. She denied having had a quarrel with her husband, saying that she received the injury from a fall. She also declared that she had no insurance.

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JERSEY WATER NOT FOR STATEN

Act Prohibiting Its Diversion to Other States Declared Constitutional by Vice-Chancellor Bergen.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 22.—Vice-Chancellor Bergen filed an opinion to-day sustaining the constitutionality of the act of last winter prohibiting the diversion of potable waters of New Jersey to other States. The proceedings were instituted by Attorney-General Robert H. McCarter against the Hudson County Water Company, a constitutional corporation of the East Jersey Water Company. The specific purpose of the suit was to restrain the East Jersey Water Company from diverting the waters of the Passaic River at Little Falls, under a contract with the New York and New Jersey Water Company, to furnish water to the city of Bayonne and to Staten Island.

The act was attacked on the ground that it was void because it impairs the obligation of contracts in force at the time of its passage, that it takes property without compensation, that it is in violation of the interstate commerce act, the constitution of this State and the United States.

The Vice-Chancellor holds that the constitutional question is without weight, and that the State may protect its potable waters upon the broad principles of public policy and the protection of its citizens.

BOILER IN MIDAIR. Sweeps Three Men Off Their Perch, Injuring One.

A boiler went aloft in mid-air this afternoon while being hoisted from a barge at Forty-eighth street and West River and swept three men from a platform on the roof of the Hudson River Hotel, and a fourth man was injured.

The boiler, which was being hoisted by a derrick, was in the air for about five seconds before it fell to the ground, where it exploded, sending a shower of sparks and debris into the air.

The three men who were swept off their perch were injured, and one of them was taken to the hospital. The fourth man, who was injured, was also taken to the hospital.

BOY'S LUCKY TUMBLE. Fall From Roof of Hotel, and Boy Unharmed.

A young boy, aged five, fell from the roof of the Hudson River Hotel this morning, but was unharmed. The boy was playing on the roof when he lost his footing and fell to the ground.

The boy's fall was witnessed by a number of people, and he was quickly picked up by a passerby. He was taken to the hospital, but was found to be unharmed.

The boy's fall was a remarkable one, as he fell from a height of about 100 feet. He was lucky to escape with only minor injuries.

HUGHES BACK FOR INSURANCE PROBE

Counsel for Legislative Committee to Investigate Equitable and Other Companies Expects to Begin Soon.

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MINSTRELS' CAR IN SMASH-UP

Ten Members of Troupe Injured in Collision at Newburg, and One Victim Is Sent to the Hospital.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEWBURG, Aug. 22.—While the private car Bernice, on route from Passaic to Saratoga, was being switched from the Erie to the West Shore road here to-day it collided with six cars standing on the westbound track.

The Bernice, which was occupied by the members of the West Minstrel troupe, was badly damaged and two members of the company were injured. The most serious injury was to G. L. Wade, who was injured in the hip and stomach so badly that he had to be moved to St. Luke's Hospital.

Other injured were J. W. Gibson, 28, injured; G. S. Van, back injured; H. G. Johnson, left arm injured; W. Beaul, right arm and left ankle injured; L. Beaul, leg injured; F. A. Smith, spine injured; S. P. Hackett, injured about the knee; B. H. Brown and W. H. Hackett, slight injuries.

Post-Office Inspectors Joseph Jacobus and William T. Meyers and Postmaster Thomas B. Leonard, of Flushing, were made defendants in a suit for \$10,000 damages, brought by William T. Leonard, a Flushing letter-carrier, who based the action on the allegation that the three forcibly detained him on May 1 last and searched him on suspicion that he had stolen a decoy letter. The suit was filed in the Supreme Court of Queens County, because the alleged detention of Leonard was on property which the United States Government has under a leasehold.

According to the allegations in Leonard's complaint, prior to May 1 it was reported that letters were being mailed from the Flushing mail station to the three defendants. Leonard, who was a letter-carrier, was called to the station and was told to deliver the letters. He refused to do so, and the three defendants, who were postmen, searched him and found a letter which they claimed was a decoy letter.

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